

## CONGRESSMAN BOUCHER ANNOUNCES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR TOWN OF CLINTWOOD WATER SYSTEM

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### ***\$50,000 Federal Grant Will Purchase New Water System Monitoring Equipment***

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□□□□□□□□□□(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Representative Rick Boucher announced today that, at his urging, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, through its Rural Development Agency, is providing a federal grant of \$50,000 to the Town of Clintwood for the purchase of wireless telemetry equipment for the Town’s water system. The equipment is used to monitor the water levels in tanks and the functioning of pump stations to alert the Town to problems in its water delivery system.

**“This allocation of federal funding will enable the Town of Clintwood to more efficiently monitor its water system, ensuring that the Town is alerted to problems within its water system and can address the problems rapidly,”** Boucher said.

Currently, the Town uses telemetry equipment that is 30 years old and relies upon telephone lines for communication. When there are telephone service interruptions, the Town must monitor the water tanks and pump station sites manually. This can lead to delays in identifying a problem within the water system.

With the benefit of the federal funds, the Town of Clintwood will purchase state-of-the-art telemetry equipment that communicates with the Town wirelessly. The wireless capabilities will enable the new equipment to function even when there is a telephone service outage in the County. The telemetry equipment will be placed on seven water tanks and pump stations throughout the Town of Clintwood's water system, which serves 2,000 homes and businesses in the Town.

**"I am pleased that the Rural Development Agency is providing this funding to purchase new monitoring equipment for the Town of Clintwood's water system. The new equipment will help the Town identify problems in its water system more rapidly and operate the system more efficiently,"** Boucher said.

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